



Information Sheet

Supporting Families: Review of Part 12 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Introduction and purpose

The Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland (CELCIS) are reviewing the implementation of legislation designed to support families where children are at risk of becoming looked after. Part 12 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 places a duty on Local Authorities to make arrangements to ensure relevant services (specified as **Family Group Decision Making Services** and Support for parenting) are provided for eligible families.

We want to find out how this legislation has been implemented across Scotland. The work is being conducted by Dr Louise Hill, Policy Implementation Lead and supported by Nadine Fowler, a Research Associate based at CELCIS. The study aims to conclude in December 2018.

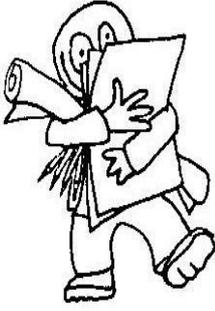
What's it all about?

The study consists of the following parts:

- a) An online survey for 32 local authorities, third sector and independent providers to ascertain the extent of provision of 'relevant services', their type, and the enablers/barriers experienced in implementation of Part 12;
- b) Individual interviews or small group discussions with families who have been engaged with family support services where a child is at risk of becoming looked after;
- c) A series of focus groups with local authority, third sector and independent providers of 'relevant services';
- d) A rapid review of Children's Services Plans;
- e) A review of information published by local authorities about the provision of relevant services.

Interested to find out more?

We think you will have valuable insights into support services for families because you are part of the team who deliver this service or you have been strategically involved in the development of this work.



If you want to find out more about how you can be involved, please contact:

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After the study is finalised, we will put a summary of the findings on the CELCIS website: www.celcis.org. You will be very welcome to access it there. We will produce a final report, academic papers and presentations, which will be available to the Scottish Government, practitioners, other researchers and the wider public.

Thank you for taking the time to read this!